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(54) **Systems and methods for authenticating a user for a computing device**

(57) Systems and methods for authenticating a user for a computing device (100) are provided. One embodiment provides a method for authenticating a user for a computing device (100). One such method comprises the steps of: determining a user authentication sequence associated with the user and the computing de-

vice (100), the user authentication sequence defining a sequence in which at least one non-alphanumeric user interface input (116) associated with the computing device (100) must be engaged in order to authenticate the user; and authenticating the user when the at least one non-alphanumeric user interface input (116) is engaged in conformance with the user authentication sequence.

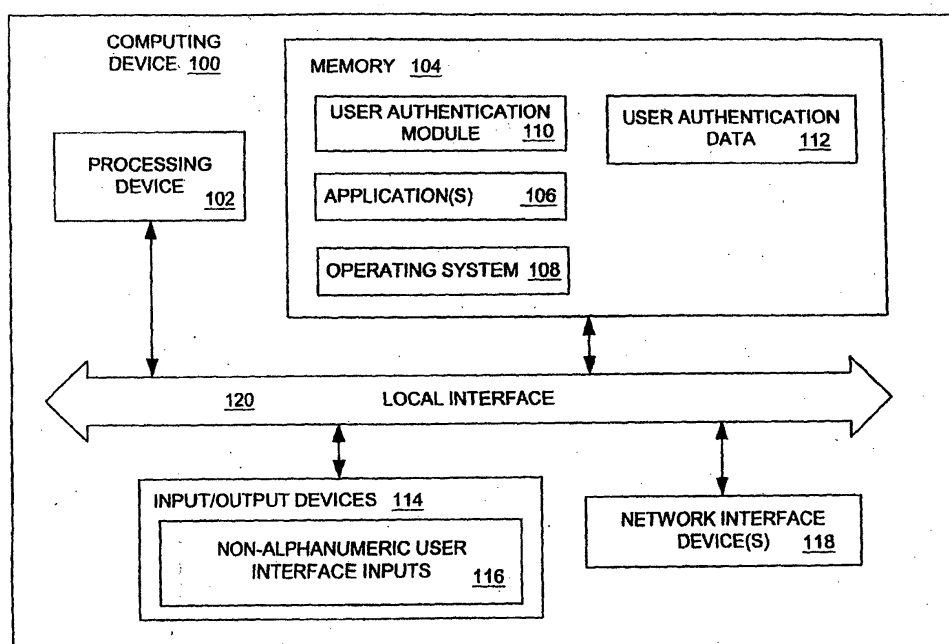


FIG. 1



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